As an avid shortwave listener, I am completely opposed to the use of BPL to carry digital data. It effects on the HF spectum will render the spectrum useless for listening is the receiver is within the field of the digital hash radiated by the power lines.

As a computer expert, with considerable experience in networking, I believe that the BPL initiative is a solution looking for a problem. The performance will be below that of any existing broadband technology, with no benefits to outweigh the RF interference issues.

This is clearly a solution offered by power companies to a problem that does not exist. I trust that the FCC will not approve this use of the power distribution network.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.